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PREPARATION METHOD OF NUCLEIC

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AND ANALYZING METHOD USING THE

PREPARED NUCLEIC ACID SAMPLES THEREBY

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Sir:

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Applicants request the Examiner to initial and return a copy of the attached PTO-1449 form to indicate that the references have been considered.

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